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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Presentation on Michigan Student Data Project

In the past few years, the educational community has taken steps to improve the level of education for Michigan's students. The Michigan Merit Curriculum and Exam, new standards for English Language Arts and math, new cut scores to align with Career and College Ready expectations, and educator evaluation are just a few. We have heard from classroom teachers and other educators from across the state about the changes and the role that each will play in developing the education system Michigan needs to move forward. We have not heard the voice of the student in any systematic way. Michigan Department of Education staff, in conjunction with the Michigan State University K-12 Outreach Program, and the Harrison Group, have undertaken a study to find out what the students have to say.

Staff will share the parameters of the research as well as study findings in a presentation regarding the project.

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